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SUBJECT: FRENCH CANTONAL ELECTIONS, FIRST ROUND

REF: PARIS' 24880

1. FIRST ROUND OF ELECTIOS FOR COUNCILS IN EACH DEPARTMENT (EXCEPT PARIS) HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23. ELECTIONS MARKED BY RECORD NUMBER OF ABSTENTIONS (ALMOST 45 PERCENT OF ELECTORATE). SLIGHTLY MORE THAN HALF THE SEATS WERE DECIDED ON THIS ROUND. NO NATIONAL
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FIGURES WERE DEFEATED, ALTHOUGH SOME IMPORTANT POLITICIANS FACE

RUNOFF ELECTIONS NEXT SUNDAY. POPULAR VOTE TOTALS SHOW THAT THE RIGHT AND THE LEFT MAINTAINED ABOUT THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS IN LAST COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN 1970, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE FOR THE LEFT PARTIES. WITHIN THE LEFT THE SOCIALISTS INCREASED THEIR VOTE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE COMMUNISTS.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOCIALIST LEADERS CLAIMING FIRST ROUND VOTE AS EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING SOCIALIST GAINS SINCE MARCH LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS, LOW TURNOUT AND LOCAL NATURE OF ELECTIONS MAKE VALIDITY OF THIS CLAIM QUESTIONABLE. IN ANY CASE, FINAL RESULTS AND THEREFORE EXTENT OF TREND, IF ANY, WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL AFTER SECOND ROUND.

3. STATISTICAL ROUNDUP AND EMBASSY COMMENT WILL FOLLOW SECOND ROUND OF VOTING. SEPTEMBER 30.IRWIN

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